

HOUSE BILL 420

By Briley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29,
Chapter 24, Part 1, relative to actions involving
libel or slander.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-24-103, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(a) Before any civil action is brought for publication of a libel, whether in a newspaper, periodical or posted on the Internet, the plaintiff shall, at least five (5) days before instituting such action, serve notice in writing on the defendant, specifying the article and the statements therein which the plaintiff alleges to be false and defamatory.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.